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SENATOR BARNETT: Do you have a breakdown percentage wise? Is it so much per student or do you have any idea how much it is for Omaha, for Lincoln, and so forth? Have you got any idea at all?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I didn't even break it down that way. I just asked for...it is a state wide bill and I just asked what the fiscal impact for the state was.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis. Senator William Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: I appreciate that William business. I have been called everything else but that, sir. I really accept that one, great dignity. A question of Senator Goodrich. Senator, I noticed there on that fiscal note down there that it is primarily for those with speech handicap, is that true?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR SKARDA: It is. I just wonder if I qualify because I have had one all my life. Mr. President, I make a motion to indefinitely postpone this bill. I can't visualize ourselves putting ourselves in this kind of a position with an expenditure this has got associated with it. Believe me, somewhere along the line, we can't support everybody and everything. We are taking care of everybody that is humanly possible with the dollars allocated. The people of Nebraska are getting a little bit sick and tired of these taxes and I am speaking to you in sincerity. I appreciate the aged, those handicapped, and this and that and everything else but somewhere along the line we have got to put a stop to some of this stuff. So, gentlemen, I will take the initiative. I will make the motion to indefinitely postpone it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cope. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, apparently I didn't get it explained very well. I will go through it again. What this is doing, is instead of designating each of the specific handicaps, we are lumping them together and saying, handicap children with the exception of the two categories, the speech therapy, because, frankly, there is very little need for transportation problem to satisfy this speech therapy problem, and the extremely large numbers of educable mentally handicapped, which, frankly, generally speaking, don't have to go to a different school for that purpose. The purpose of the bill is, is to wash out the inequity among the handicapped children and the transportation, meeting the transportation problems of those children and that is all in the world it does. It washes out the inequity among the categories. For that reason, I would urge you not to kill the bill but to go ahead and adopt it. The control, for example, of the cost on the bill is left in the hands of the Budget Committee, whatever they decide for example, and they can convince this legislative body to appropriate